

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

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VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at 785-296-5592.



CHIEF CHAT

It's officially summer! Schools are closed, healthcare clinics are seeing more and more people every day, kids are playing with friends, pools are starting to open, and people are spending time with loved ones. All sure signs that communities are slowly beginning to reopen.

This increase in activities has also affected those of us that work in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. We have been working to increase awareness that immunizations should be a priority for infants and children.

Vaccine ordering in May continues to be down. There were 24,688 less doses ordered last month compared to the same time period in 2019. It is very important that reminder and recall systems are used to help families remember to bring their children in for vaccinations. The last thing we need is to see outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

We are also trying to catch up on program activities that have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This edition of What's Happening Wednesday is geared towards the annual VFC provider enrollment process.

On the next few pages you will find step-by-step instructions on how to complete this process. The process has been kept as simple as possible.

This year, the Regional Immunization Consultants will be assisting providers with completing the annual VFC enrollment. If you have any questions or concerns, they are there to help.

Thank you for vaccinating the children in Kansas!

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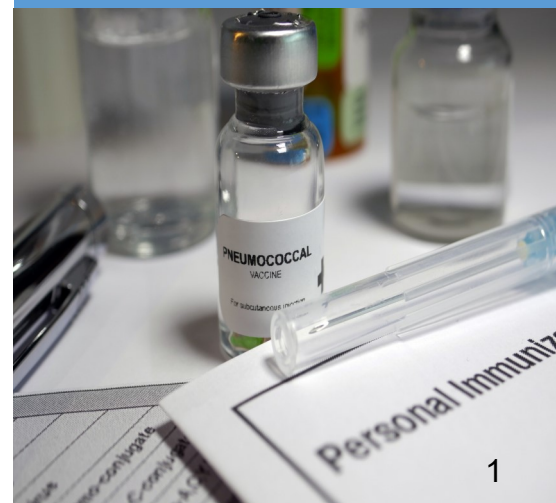
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INJECTION OF EDUCATION

It is once again time for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Annual Enrollment. So much has happened this year (a global pandemic) and our usual May enrollment time has quickly passed. We understand this may not be the perfect time for enrollment, as many of you continue to be caught up in COVID-19 activities. We have tried to make the enrollment as streamlined as possible, all while working with an imperfect system.

As you may remember, last year's enrollment included you submitting paper forms, and the entire KSWebIZ team manually entering the data and information included on those forms.

We are one step closer to an entire electronic enrollment... well, almost. On the next page you will find an outline of the enrollment process, step-by-step, as well as some tips and/or tricks to help streamline the process for you.

We definitely understand that this a very hectic time, but back-to-school time is just around the corner. Most of you have seen a decreased number of patients during recent months, only adding to the back-to-school patients needing to be vaccinated. Influenza season will follow shortly after that and somewhere within the near future a COVID-19 vaccination will be available. In other words, there really is no perfect time.

This year, our area Regional Immunization Consultants (RIC) will be following each step and will be your main point of contact throughout the process. Let's be honest, THEY MISS YOU TERRIBLY! So, just remember as they reach out to you for additional information, and to assist you with the enrollment process, they really do have the best intentions for their VFC providers, and you know you miss them too!!

Please reach out to your area RIC or the RIC On-Call if you have any questions. DO NOT wait until the last minute to start the process. **This could put your clinic in jeopardy of being suspended from ordering or administering public vaccines during a time when vaccination requests may be steadily increasing causing unnecessary missed opportunities to vaccinate.**

Thank you for all you do!

VFC Enrollment Process

1. Your area RIC will send you a list of providers and VFC coordinators found in KSWebIZ. Please review the list. Note any providers no longer practicing at your clinic, any new providers that have joined your practice and any name or contact information changes. The VFC Prescribing Providers Form will be included in their email. This is an electronically fillable form and will gather all needed information.

- a. Review the list and make any additions or changes.
- b. **Return all forms to your RIC by Friday, July 3, 2020.**

TIP: Be sure that each provider has their own individual email address! This information is not gathered to inundate providers with unwanted emails. Also, the **MEDICAL DIRECTOR MUST HAVE THEIR OWN SEPARATE EMAIL. Medical directors with the same email as a VFC Coordinator will be returned for corrections. We MUST have a valid email for the Medical Director responsible for the VFC program.**

2. By now, if you have not completed the required CDC You Call the Shots modules, you should have been contacted within the last 2 weeks. The Primary, Back-up, and if applicable, Secondary Vaccine Coordinators are required to complete the [2020 You Call the Shots - Vaccines for Children](#) and 2020 [You Call the Shots – Vaccine Storage and Handling](#) modules. Completion certificates for the two courses must be uploaded into KSWebIZ. If a VFC Coordinator has not completed the required modules or has not uploaded the completion certificates, this **MUST** be done as well. CDC module links and KSWebIZ upload instructions can be found on the [Kansas Immunization Program Vaccines for Children page](#).

3. Once your RIC has received your updated provider lists, the Kansas Immunization Program (KIP) staff will:

- a. Make any applicable changes in KSWebIZ.
- b. Validate through appropriate licensing boards that all providers are in current good standing in the state of Kansas.



VFC Enrollment Process (Continued)

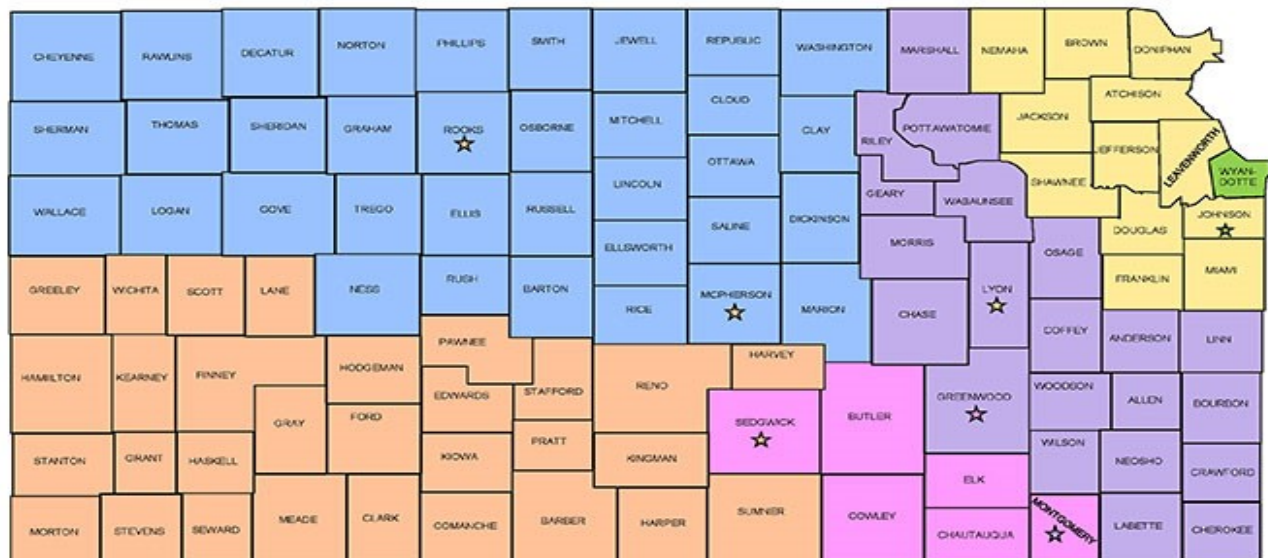
4. The area RIC will also include an updated provider population report, by funding type (i.e. uninsured, Medicaid Title 19, CHIP Title 21, underinsured, or not VFC eligible) created from KSWebIZ. Please review this report for accuracy. If the report does not accurately reflect the number of patients seen within your practice by funding type, we ask that you create a report through your EMR or EHR and return this report to your RIC.

5. Once KIP staff have completed any needed provider updates, and validations, the area RIC will contact you and walk you through the VFC enrollment. You will be asked to:

- Review all clinic information to verify the information contained in KSWebIZ is correct (including address, phone numbers, clinic hours, etc.).
- Once the information has been reviewed, your RIC will assist you with signing the enrollment agreement in KSWebIZ.

Changes to the providers within the practice should be submitted to your area RIC or Consultant On-Call by Friday, July 1 and the enrollment process will be completed with the assistance of your area RIC.

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July 16, 2020
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Autism and Vaccines: The Never Ending Story

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Alison Singer is Co-Founder and President of the Autism Science Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding innovative autism research and supporting the needs of people with autism. As the mother of a 22-year-old daughter with autism and legal guardian of her older brother with autism, she is a natural advocate. Singer served on the federal Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) for 12 years, where she chaired the Safety and Housing Workgroups, and served on the subcommittee responsible for writing an annual strategic plan to guide federal spending for autism research. She currently serves on the executive boards of the Yale Child Study Center, the Seaver Autism Center at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, the Marcus Autism Center at Emory University, and the University of North Carolina Autism Research Center, as well as on the external advisory board of the CDC's Center for Developmental Disabilities, and the New York State Immunization Advisory Committee. In addition, Singer serves on the board of directors of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) and chairs the INSAR Communications Committee. In 2012, the American Academy of Pediatrics named her an "autism champion." In 2017 she received the INSAR "Outstanding Research Advocate" award and in 2018 she received the New York Families for Autistic Children Research Advocacy Award.

You are appreciated!

"I attribute my success to this—I never gave or took any excuse"

Florence Nightingale

The last few months have been a struggle for everyone, but the stress on health care workers and essential industries has been immense. The Immunization and Tuberculosis Control Program would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of the public health staff, providers, administration and essential workers that pushed through and helped uphold our state motto "Ad Astra Per Aspera" or "To the stars through difficulty." All of you reached for the stars during this pandemic and helped Kansas rise above our difficulties through teamwork, dedication and passion. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Sincerely,

Immunizations and Tuberculosis Control Staff

Phil Griffin, Allison Alejos, Andrea May, Becky Prall, Brad Carpenter, Chris Jay, Dena Rueb, Dylan Hart, Jackie Strecker, Jaycie Collins, Jayme Lewis, John Alejos, Kathy Slawson, Kimberly Winans, Kimbra Nemmers, Lisa Edgerton-Johnston, Lorraine Baughman, Maddisen Rivera, Sandy Drapeau, Susan Smith, Tayler O'Keefe, Toby McNutt and Tom Liddy.

